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1. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL HARMONIZATION OF
STANDARDS, TRANSMITTED REFTTEL, IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE BUT
WOULD BE IMPROVED BY ADDITION OF LANGUAGE MAKING CLEAR THAT
STATES MUST RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF
STANDARDS DEALING WITH HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND
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CONSUMER PROTECTION. DELEGATION SHOULD IF POSSIBLE PROPOSE

NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH TO FOLLOWING EFFECT:

"AWARE, AT THE SAME TIME, OF THE RIGHT OF STATES TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CONSUMING PUBLIC ARE ADEQUATE FOR THOSE PURPOSES."

2. IN ADDITION, IN THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, "INTERGOVERNMENTAL" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "INTERNATIONAL" SO AS NOT TO EXCLUDE WORK BEING DONE IN FIELD BY NON-

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. FINNISH PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON FOREIGN TRADE SYSTEMS THROUGH ECE OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE, ON THE UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD NOT GENERATE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPILATION OF INFORMATION BY USG. INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED TO GATT AND DISSEMINATED BY US COMMERCIAL OFFICERS ABROAD COULD PRESUMABLY BE SENT TO AN ECE CLEARING HOUSE. SYSTEM MIGHT BE OF BENEFIT IN ELICITING USEFUL ECONOMIC INFORMATION FROM EASTERN COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION.

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